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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A substitute specification along with the claims is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.125(a) since the top of each page of the original specification and claims was missing sections due two-hole punch. No new matter was added to the specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute claim 1 for the pending claim having the same claim number.

1. (Amended) A method for producing extended-release tablets comprising the steps of: mixing a therapeutically effective amount of L-arginine [arginine] with a sustained release matrix; and compressing said mixture to form tablets.

Please substitute claim 2 for the pending claim having the same claim number.

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said L-arginine is selected from the group consisting of L-arginine hydrochloride [hydrochlorie], pharmacologically acceptable L-arginine salts, and mixtures thereof.

Please substitute claim 13 for the pending claim having the same claim number.

13. (Amended) A composition comprised of <u>a therapeutically effective amount of L-arginine</u> [arginine]; and a sustained release polymeric matrix.

Please substitute claim 14 for the pending claim having the same claim number.

14. (Amended) The composition of claim 13, further including a nitrate_[,]

Please substitute claim 16 for the pending claim having the same claim number.

16. (Amended) An extended-release pharmaceutical tablet comprised of a sustained release matrix and <u>a therapeutically effective amount of L-arginine</u> [arginine].